



NAACP

Norfolk Branch

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For Immediate Release:

The Norfolk Branch NAACP acknowledges the requests made for the resignation of our President, Mr. Tristan Breaux.

After meeting with Mr. Breaux, consulting with our State and National bodies, and in keeping with the Constitution and By-Laws of the NAACP, the Executive Committee renders a full vote of confidence in Tristan Breaux.

When he was voted into office in December 2012, Mr. Breaux at the age of 25 became the youngest NAACP local branch president in the history of the organization. He is a community organizer and activist for the rights of all citizens. He cares deeply for the people of Norfolk, and he is working diligently to execute the local Branch's mission. Unfortunately, Mr. Breaux's recent postings on his personal Facebook page, offering his personal opinions on certain aspects of the Trayvon Martin tragedy has brought condemnation from some in the community and Councilman Paul Riddick. Mr. Breaux admits his comments were out of line and should never have been posted in such a public forum. He deeply regrets and offers his sincere apology to anyone offended or hurt by his actions. We have reached out to Councilman Riddick as well as several other prominent community leaders, and have offered to sit and listen to their concerns and recommendations for improving dialog and open debate. Hopefully, once their schedules permit, we will meet and establish important lines of communication so when concerns come up, there will be proper avenues for addressing them.

Moving forward, the Norfolk Branch NAACP and its Executive Committee will follow the National NAACP's lead in fighting critical issues such as voting rights, immigration, and education reform. President Breaux will continue to meet with elected officials and other community leaders to discuss the future of Norfolk. We also look forward to addressing critical local issues such as Restoration of Felon Rights, Charter Schools, and School Redistricting.